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**TV4: New evidence of CIA flights**

The Finnish Foreign Ministry will request a report by the U.S. on a possible prisoner flight from Afghanistan by way of Helsinki to Guantánamo, Cuba.

According to TV 4 News, the United States may have transported prisoners through Finland. A Boeing 707 aircraft, linked to the CIA prisoner flights, reportedly landed in Helsinki in September 2004.

After the aircraft returned to the United States, the transfer of some twenty prisoners between Afghanistan and Guantánamo was announced.

Finland was aware of this flight at the end of April already. At the time, nothing was known about what it carried.

The U.S. Embassy in Helsinki declines any comment on the event. Had the plane been on a U.S. government flight, it should have had permission by the Defense Ministry to land. Such a permission did not exist.

As such, a missing permission does not prove that the flight was a civilian flight. According to the Amnesty International report from last month, the U.S. has intentionally used civilian aircraft for prisoner transportation.

The Boeing aircraft is owned by Lowa Ltd. In Florida. Some international media have regarded it as a CIA cover-up organization. The mysterious company owns only this one aircraft.

The Finnish Foreign Ministry has investigated the visit of the plane in Finland, but has not received more detailed information as to its cargo.

"We have turned to the U.S. Embassy. All we have received is the standard reply, which they have given to all other countries making similar inquiries regarding the flights. Therefore, we are now sending them the Ministry's letter explaining our unambiguous principles," Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja said to the TV 4 News.

According to Tuomioja, the United States has a chance to give a more detailed explanation on the flight.

"Our point is that we make our principles very clear to them, and they announce that they will respect these principles."

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